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Continuation of 3: The claims as currently amended require an aluminum hydroxide loading between 21.3 and 37.2 phr and a silica loading between 14.1 and 15.6 phr. The previously drafted claims, however, required an aluminum hydroxide loading between 10 and 100 phr (claim 13) and a silica loading between 14 and 200 phr (claim 22). Thus, it is evident that the claim amendments have significantly narrowed the scope of the claimed invention. It is additionally noted that the respective limitations (narrowest form as detailed above) were never required in a single claim, further requiring additional search and consideration.

Continuation of 11: Applicant's arguments are primarily directed to the aforementioned claim language and as such, are not commensurate in scope with the pending claim language.

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